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Title : CHEMICAL MECHANICAL POLISHING SYSTEM HAVING MULTIPLE POLISHING STATIONS AND PROVIDING RELATIVE LINEAR MOTION

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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed May 9, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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1. (Amended Twice) A polishing apparatus, comprising:
a rotatable support member rotatable about a first axis;
at least two polishing surfaces arranged at respective angular positions about said first axis;

at least one substrate head assembly supported on said rotatable support member and capable of supporting thereon a substrate in contact with a selected one of said polishing surfaces and affording relative linear and reciprocal movement between said selected polishing surface and said substrate head assembly while said substrate supported on said substrate head assembly is engaged with said selected polishing surface;

wherein said at least one substrate head assembly is linearly and reciprocally movable in said rotatable support member.

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